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An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, my name is Troy Jackson. I serve as President of the Maine Senate and have the great honor of representing Aroostook County in the Legislature. I am here today to introduce LD 592, "An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment."

In 2018, the Maine Legislature passed a law requiring MaineCare to cover chiropractic evaluation and management examinations. The legislation before you today simply seeks to extend this coverage to include all chiropractic services. This extension of coverage would ensure that Mainers have the coverage to pursue the care that's best for them, which for many includes chiropractic treatment. This care has the potential to provide pain relief to Mainers for whom medication treatment is not in their best interest, and this bill will ensure that Doctors of Chiropractic will be reimbursed to the full extent of their care for conditions that they are licensed to treat.

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill. Thank you for your time, I will attempt to answer any questions you may have for me but I believe that there are experts planning to testify after me that will have more subject matter expertise.